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30% of offshore fishing vessels start arriving at Yangon's ports



Fishing vessels that carry fisheries are seen docking at Kyimyindine jetty. **PHOTOS: KO KO LWIN**

After halting the offshore fishing till 30 June this year, although the sea remains rough due to severe weather conditions, 30 per cent of the offshore fishing trawlers have begun returning with their catches. On 12 July, marine products started arriving at the Yangon Port, marking the beginning of the supply of marine products to the Yangon fish market, according to the Kyimyindine fish market in Yangon.

Since the resumption of the fishing season in the first week of July this year, only about 30 per cent of the approximately 900 offshore fishing trawlers based in Yangon have been able to go out to sea, due to rough waves and unstable water conditions caused by strong winds. As a result, fish catches have been low.

“Since the reopening of this year’s fishing season, we’ve been facing strong winds and rough seas up until now. When the waves are high, fish catches are naturally low. However, those who rely on the fishing industry for their livelihood continue to work as usual despite the challenges. Out of all the offshore fishing

vessels in Yangon, only 30 per cent have been able to go out to sea. Since it’s hard to predict when the waves will subside, many vessels are on standby, ready to depart. The boats that set out on 1 July have started arriving back at the ports as of yesterday, and marine products are now beginning to enter the market,” said U Kyaw Naing, Secretary of the Offshore Fishing Vessel Association.

Offshore fishing vessels from the Yangon Region are currently operating in the Ayeyawady Region’s offshore waters,

while vessels from Myeik are fishing in the Taninthayi offshore areas. Out of the more than 3,000 offshore fishing vessels in Myanmar, some based in the Taninthayi Region are also actively engaged in catching fish and prawns at sea.

Fishing vessels started arriving at the jetty in Nyaungtan of Pazundaung Port and MNG Jetty in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon, on 12 July.

“Due to unfavourable weather conditions at sea, only one out of three offshore fishing vessels went out, mainly to

conduct pilot fishing process at sea this year. However, today, fish carrier boats have started arriving. The majority of the catch includes golden snapper, river hued bard, ribbon fish, Sillago, llisha, and so on. Nearly 30 boats carrying marine products have arrived back at the port. Since marine products are now entering the market, the prices of freshwater fish may likely drop,” said Daw Tin Nwe, a fishery business owner from the MNG Jetty at the Kyimyindine Sanpya Fish Market. — Aung Than Oo/TTA



Complexes of Wholesale Market (Danyingon) seen with trading of groceries.

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Local officials and residents urged to drive regional development

❖ Regional development primarily depends on the efforts of local administrative officials and residents, so we urge them to work towards this goal.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with district and township level department officials and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) entrepreneurs in Meiktila District on 10 January 2025 to discuss regional development issues)

Flood Warning

(Issued at 7:30 am MST on 13 July 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Monywa has exceeded by about one foot above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next one day.

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Flood Warning

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ACCORDING to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at Pakokku is observed as about 1.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next three days.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at Chauk is observed as more than 1.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next three days.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at Seiktha is observed as about 1.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next three days.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is observed as about two inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Pakokku, Chauk, Hpa-an townships and Seiktha, to take precautionary measures and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 13 July 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 14 July 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway Region and Kachin, Kayah and northern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and (northern and eastern)Shan states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Chin and Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 July 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 July 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 July 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 13 July 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha Coasts, India during next 24 hours. — DMH

Gold Market Rate as of 13 July 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,890,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

SAC member leads Myanmar delegation to 2nd Shanghai Cooperation Organization Digital Economy Forum

A Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo attended the 2nd Digital Economy Forum of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held in Tianjin, China from 9 to 12 July.

The forum included a ministerial-level closed-door meeting, open sessions, thematic discussions, and expert lectures from Tianjin universities. On 10 July, General Mya Tun Oo joined other international delegates at a welcome dinner hosted by Mr Liu Liehong, Minister of China’s National Data Administration.

In his remarks at the dinner, General Mya Tun Oo highlighted both opportunities and challenges in implementing the digital economy and stressed the importance of international cooperation in



State Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo delivers a speech at the 2025 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Digital Economy Forum in Tianjin, China, on 11 July 2025.

overcoming these challenges. He reaffirmed Myanmar’s commitment to actively cooperating with SCO members in developing the digital economy.

Before the dinner, Myanmar’s delegation held cordial

discussions with the Secretary-General of Tianjin Municipal Committee and the Mayor of Tianjin.

At the forum’s opening on 11 July, Chinese Vice Premier Mr Ding Xuexiang and other

senior officials delivered addresses. On the occasion, General Mya Tun Oo stated that the digital economy is transforming societies and business operations, becoming a vital artery for future development. He

emphasized Myanmar’s aim to build an inclusive, secure and robust digital economy for national benefit.

He called on SCO member countries to jointly address digital economy challenges and build a trustworthy and resilient digital future. Ministers from SCO countries also shared updates on their national digital transformation initiatives.

More than 600 delegates participated in the forum this year. As part of the event, the Myanmar delegation visited the Smart Zero-Carbon Container Terminal and Binhai New Area Museum on 9 July, the Tianjin City Planning Exhibition on 10 July, the G7 Connect Company on 11 July and Fit Testing Technology on 12 July to observe the application of AI, big data, and IoT technologies.

The delegation returned to Yangon on the afternoon of 13 July. — MNA/KZL

MCF strives to boost national ICT development

THE Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF) is making concerted efforts to develop both the ICT industry and human resources in Myanmar by organizing ICT skill standard-aligned certification exams. The ITPEC Exam, recognized by seven Asian nations, is held twice annually in Myanmar.

On 12 July, MCF hosted the certificate awarding ceremony for those who passed the ITPEC

Exam conducted on 27 April 2025. The ceremony took place at the MICT Park Conference Hall in Hline Township, where over 300 successful candidates from various regions received their certificates.

Notably, one Myanmar candidate achieved the highest score among the seven participating countries in the ITPEC-FE exam, while another secured third place. Three My-

anmar examinees also jointly ranked third in the IP Exam. Dr Aye Aye Thin, Vice President of MCF presented awards to these top performers.

MCF began its journey towards international IT certification in 2002 by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Japan IT Engineer Examination Centre (JITEC), aiming to produce internationally recognized IT engineers.

The federation also collaborated with the Myanmar Computer Professionals Association (MCPA) to recognize MCPA exam passers.

In 2005, MCF became a founding member of the IT Professional Examination Council (ITPEC), which currently administers exams in seven countries on the same day twice a year. The exams are structured into three levels based on ICT

skill standards. To date, around 6,700 individuals from Myanmar have passed the exams.

During the recent ceremony, Vice President of MCF Dr Aye Aye Thin, Vice Chair of MCPA U Zaw Moe Tun and General Secretary of MCF Dr Myo Myo Naing delivered speeches and presented certificates of appreciation to supporters and contributors to the programme. — Myo Min Thura/KZL

NATIONAL

Central Bank of Myanmar holds risk management seminar

A meeting on risk management was held at 10 am yesterday at the Central Bank of Myanmar Conference Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. It was attended by Daw Than Than Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Deputy Governor Dr Lin Aung, directors-general and officers from various departments of CBM, and BOD members and senior managers from state-owned, private, and foreign banks.

During the discussion, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar addressed the need for all banks to strictly follow the CBM's risk management guidelines in line with international standards,



Risk management workshop in progress at the office of Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

emphasized that Board of Directors of the bank and senior managers must be aware of, accountable for, and effectively manage credit and operational risks, noted the upcoming

amendments from the Basel Committee in 2025 and instructed banks to review and revise their risk management policies and procedures based on the discussion outcomes.

Afterwards, directors from the Department of Banking Regulation and Supervision presented discussed several key topics. These included the legal framework for

risk management, guidelines on credit risk and operational risk management standards for banks, the rationale behind the Basel Committee's 2025 amendments and addi-

tions to credit risk management, and the specific points to be amended or supplemented in line with the Committee's requirements in the Risk Management Guideline issued by the CBM.

In addition, the presentation covered findings from the CBM's onsite and offsite supervision, current risk management processes, areas requiring changes or improvements by banks, and case studies related to fraud risk, anti-money laundering (AML), and compliance.

Afterwards, participants asked questions about unclear topics and areas of interest, and officials provided detailed answers. — MNA/TH

MoI DM discusses industrial zone development activities

THE Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee organized a briefing on ongoing work plans to be carried out as per the stipulations provided by the Industrial Zone Law and Rule at the Aye Thaya Industrial Zone Management Committee office in Taunggyi, Shan State, on 12 July.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister for Industry U Yin Maung Nyunt, who is also secretary of the central committee, said there are 28 industrial zones and five industrial



The meeting on ongoing work plans organized by Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee is underway in Taunggyi on 12 July.

wards, while two zones are being established locally. Among the established industrial zones, there are 8,035 micro, medium and large enterprises (MSME) which create 556,009 jobs for residents.

He continued that the Industrial Zone Law was enacted in 2020, and the Industrial Zone Rule was enacted in 2024.

He highlighted the role of local industrial zones in promoting export volume and producing import-substitute products of the country,

and supervision to ensure systematic development of the industrial zones as per the law.

The Shan State economic minister reported on industrial development activities in the state. The deputy minister and the party viewed the displayed MSME products.

The relevant officials of the department concerned participated in the discussion, and attendees raised questions regarding the Industrial Zone Law and Rule. — MNA/KTZH

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MAEX to establish wholesale market in Kalaw Township, Shan State (South)

Wholesale Market in Shan State (South) will provide a service that connects agricultural products produced by farmers in Shan State to the Danyingon Wholesale Market in Yangon.



Complexes of Wholesale Market (Danyingon) seen with trading of fruits.

MYANMAR Agro Exchange Public Company Limited (MAEX) plans to open the Wholesale Market in Kalaw Township, Shan State (South), by the end of this year, according to the official from MAEX.

Efforts are being made to

build a complex of the Wholesale Market in Kalaw Township as a focal point of collecting, storing and selling agricultural products of farmers from Kalaw and Pindaya districts in Shan State (South) to link with Danyingon Wholesale Market in Yangon.

An official from MAEX unveiled: “We have a plan to establish the Wholesale Market in Shan State (South). In this regard, I’d like to disseminate information about the wholesale market to wholesalers and retailers wishing to put their invest-

ment in the market to do businesses in Shan State (South). Like Yangon’s Danyingon Wholesale Market, we aim to open the wholesale market in Kalaw of Shan State (South) at the end of this year”.

The Wholesale Market in

Shan State (South) will provide a service that connects agricultural products produced by farmers in Shan State to the Danyingon Wholesale Market in Yangon, enabling direct linkage between producers and buyers. — ASH/TTA



Photos show foodstuffs made of rice.

Myanmar plans to export value-added rice products

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) said that in addition to regular rice and broken rice export, it is planning to export rice transformed into value-added products.

“Rather than conventional rice export, we are planning to value-added products such as rice powder and rice noodle,” said MRF President U Ye Min Aung.

Furthermore, the MRF is promoting the production, export and domestic consumption of bran oil as well as sales of de-oiled rice bran in the domestic

market. The MRF held a meeting with the Global Issue Forum in South Korea after informing entrepreneurs through the connection by the Economic Counsellor on 8 July, and discussed the possibility of cooperating in the production of dry and wet rice noodles using Korean technology.

According to a statement by the MRF, Myanmar exported 614,705 tonnes of rice and broken rice in the first quarter of the financial year 2025-2026, earning US\$214 million. — Htun Htun/ZN

FMGEA to inspect gold shops in Yangon Region for compliance with new gold weight system

THE Federation of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association (FMGEA) announced that it will conduct field inspections of gold shops in the Yangon Region to ensure compliance with the new gold weight system, which mandates that transactions be based on 16.329325 grammes per tical of pure gold.

Gold shops in the Yangon Region will be required to display posters informing the public that they are using the new system. During on-site inspections, they must comply with the established requirements. The FMGEA has also emphasized the mandatory use of the new weight system and the sale of gold that matches the quality specified on the voucher.

In addition, inspections are being carried out to determine whether gold is being traded at prices in accordance with those published by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee. The FMGEA also plans to identify online sellers who do not operate physical gold shops, as buyers making gold transactions have been facing grievances.

Therefore, gold shops must obtain a business license to operate physical gold trading businesses. Failure to comply with the specified regulations will result in action being taken under the Essential Goods and Services Act,

according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

Currently, 1,500 goldsmiths in the Yangon Region have applied for goldsmith licenses, and more continue to apply, according to the Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association. — ASH/TH



This photo showcases gold ornaments being weighed on a digital scale at a gold shop.

NATIONAL

Myanmar joins Food and Travel Expo in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation

THE Food and Travel Expo was held in Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation, from 11 to 13 July under the theme “In Siberia — THERE is!” The Myanmar Tourism Federation (MTF) and its sister associations, under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, represented Myanmar with a tourism promotion exhibition.

The exhibition was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Entrepreneurship of the Novosibirsk Oblast of the Russian Federation and the Federation of Restaurateurs and Hoteliers of Siberia. During the event, there were product displays, tourism promotion programmes, roundtable discussions, culinary competitions, wine and cheese contests, and cultural dance and musical performances.

The exhibition was attended by international tourism organizations, restaurant and hotel operators, food producers — including cheese and wine makers — product manufactur-



Attendees and media visit the Myanmar tourism promotion pavilion during the Food and Travel Expo in Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation, from 11 to 13 July.

ers, musicians and artistes, tour guides, investors, and members of the media.

The opening ceremony, held on 11 July, was attended by the Deputy Minister of Industry, Trade and Entrepreneurship Development of the Novosibirsk Oblast of the Russian Federation, who delivered a speech

and officially opened the exhibition. The Myanmar delegation led by the Consul-General of Myanmar in the Novosibirsk Oblast and U Naung Naung Han, Vice President of the Myanmar Tourism Federation also attended the event.

In addition, at the Myanmar tourism promotion pavilion

of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar students studying in the Russian Federation and local Myanmar families helped prepare food and perform traditional Myanmar dances.

The Myanmar Tourism Exhibition featured a variety of traditional Myanmar dishes and

wines, served food to visitors, provided brief introductions to Myanmar's destinations and tourist attractions, and facilitated connections between hotel, tourism, and food service operators from Russia and Myanmar to promote mutual cooperation. In addition, visitors showed particular interest in taking photos with traditional Myanmar military and noblemen's uniforms, as well as enjoying performances of the Myanmar puppet dance, traditional harp, and the U Shwe Yoe and Daw Moe duet dance.

Participation in the exhibition enabled the direct dissemination of information about Myanmar's traditional cuisine, cultural and artistic heritage, and iconic tourist destinations to visitors. The event also served as an opportunity to invite Russian tourists to learn more about Myanmar and consider visiting the country, contributing effectively to efforts to promote Myanmar in the Russian tourism market. — MNA/TH

Illegal goods, unregistered vehicles seized in anti-smuggling efforts

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, combined inspection teams carried out enforcement actions on 11 and 12 July to crack down on illegal trade in various regions.

On 11 July, inspections led by the Customs Department at Asia World Port resulted in the seizure of industrial goods worth an estimated K2.57 billion inside 81 containers, due to lack of proper documentation. At Yangon International Airport's warehouse, officials also seized consumer goods worth around K11 million for similar reasons. The total estimated value of the seizures was K2.58 billion, and legal action is taken in accordance with customs procedures.

In Sagaing Region, a combined team inspected the Yadanabon Bridge checkpoint and confiscated undocumented foodstuffs imported from China worth about K2.34 million. Action



Confiscated illegal items and timber across regions and states.

is taken under the Export and Import Law.

In Bago Region, illegal timber was seized in Toungoo

District — 3.180 tonnes of teak and 1.189 tonnes of ironwood — worth approximately K3.6 million. Officials are taking action

under the Forest Law.

On 12 July, combined teams in Mandalay Region inspected vehicles crossing from Sagaing

and Shwebo to Mandalay. They confiscated undocumented food and consumer goods from four trucks — Toyota Toyoace, Mitsubishi Canter, Foton Light Truck, and KO Light Truck — worth about K146.8 million in total. Enforcement measures are being taken under customs regulations.

In Myawady, Kayin State, inspections at 4th Bogale Street in Ward 6 led to the seizure of undeclared industrial items worth around K41.6 million. Action is taken in line with customs procedures.

On the same day, Myanmar Police Force arrested 12 unregistered cars and 32 unregistered motorcycles. Authorities are handling these cases in accordance with relevant laws and procedures.

On 11 and 12 July, a total of 19 cases were recorded, involving seizures valued at an estimated K2.78 billion. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Metal refining: Technical research and support services ongoing

DR Aung Zeya, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology, visited the Department of Technology Promotion and Cooperation's Department of Materials Science and Research (Ela) yesterday to inspect ongoing activities. The visit included a review of the quality of pure gold plates donated to the Shwedagon Pagoda, the trial production of compounds for electric vehicle (EV) batteries, waste battery management practices, the experimental extraction of valuable metals from electronic waste, and the department's provision of technical research and support services.

Officials provided an explanation of the research and testing of the latest electric vehicle (EV) battery type, a project guided by the Head of State during the 100th anniversary of Myanmar's engineering education. The Deputy Minister emphasized the importance of strictly adhering to the Head of State's guidance and stressed continued efforts to advance technological research that contributes meaningfully to the country's development.

He subsequently coordinated to address employees' work-related needs and presented research awards to staff



Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya encourages staff families at the staff housing of Department of Technology Promotion and Coordination in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

members, as well as honorariums to senior employees and their families.

Afterwards, the research results of several ongoing activities were reviewed. These

included EV battery research conducted by the Department of Hydrometallurgy, mineralogy research and ore exploration in the Department of Mineralogy, production of ferro-manganese alloy in the Department of Iron, Steel and Alloy Production, experimental production of high-quality silicon metal (metallurgical-grade silicon) to support solar panel manufacturing, and the trial production of ferro silicon.

The Deputy Minister then visited the staff housing units to inspect the completed repairs of those damaged by the earthquake. — MNA/TH

Residents warned due to raising water level of Ayeyawady River

AS the Ayeyawady River has begun to overflow into parts of NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, township authorities conducted field inspections on the morning of 13 July to ensure smooth evacuation to temporary flood shelters and to support displaced residents.

Township authorities visited low-lying wards and riverside communities expected to be affected. They inspected temporary shelters established at locations such as No (1) Office (Nyaungpin Ward), No (2) Ward, Yoontan Dhamma Hall, No (4) Ward and Sinsemay Dhamma Hall.

They checked evacuation readiness and the living conditions at the shelters, coordinating necessary arrangements to ensure that affected residents can relocate in a timely and orderly manner. Officials also reviewed river water levels approaching danger marks and assessed vulnerable areas. Members of the Fire Services Department served assisting in relocation efforts and preparing for possible emergency response in case of worsening natural disasters.

Ayeyawady River has been gradually rising, and river water has begun to enter low-lying wards and villages in Minbu (Saku) Township, Min-



This photo shows a flooded area in Minbu (Saku) Township. PHOTO: ZEYA NAING (SHWE KAN MYAY)



Officials inspect the flooded area in NyaungU Township. PHOTO: DIPALIN

bu District of Magway Region.

"As of 12:30 pm on 13 July, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology reported the water level at 1,512 centimetres against 1,700 centimetres of danger level of Minbu and projected it would reach 1,532 centimetres within the next 24 hours. Our department is co-

ordinating early warnings and precautionary measures to ensure residents in vulnerable low-lying areas remain alert and take necessary action," said Deputy Director Daw Ingyin Su Aung of the Minbu District Disaster Management Department. — Dipa Lin/Zeya Naing (Shwe Kan Myay)/KZL

Four Taunggyi-born artistes to stage live concert in Mandalay

FOUR well-known vocalists from Taunggyi — Bo Phyu, Han Tun, Pu Sue, and Phoe Pyae will perform in a live concert titled "Taunggyi-born" at The Square Theatre Bar in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region at 7 pm on 18 July, according to Han Tun.

"Our group of Taunggyi-born singers is set to perform in Mandalay for the second time. We invite everyone to unwind and enjoy a peaceful night with our heartfelt songs," Han Tun said.



The four Taunggyi-born artistes featured in the Music Concert Volume 2 poster.

Their performances will be featured under the Music Concert Volume 2 banner, with musical accompaniment by the resident band of The Square Theatre Bar. — ASH/KZL

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Save the Earth from e-waste

PEOPLE from various countries generate about 3.5 million tonnes of waste daily. However, they manage to dispose of or reuse approximately 45 per cent to 55 per cent of this waste systematically. This means that the remaining waste is often left unmanaged or disposed of unsystematically.

Before addressing the problem of indiscriminate waste disposal, countries worldwide are also facing the growing challenge of electronic waste (e-waste). E-waste primarily results from the development processes in countries around the world, especially developing nations. Chemical residues from e-waste can harm living organisms as well as the natural environment. If e-waste is not properly managed and destroyed, these chemicals can seep into the soil, causing pollution. Even when e-waste is incinerated, the smoke and gases released can lead to respiratory problems in living beings and pose serious health risks to humans.

According to surveys, the world disposed of approximately 62 million tonnes of e-waste in 2023. However, the amount of e-waste generated is increasing every year. Therefore, the survey predicts that by 2030, people worldwide may discard more than 74 million tonnes of e-waste. Since some developed and developing countries cannot manage and dispose of their e-waste properly, they often export it to less developed or poorer countries.

Currently, some developed countries export their e-waste to Southeast Asian, South Asian, and African countries. Notably, Myanmar has imported a large number of second-hand electronic products from other countries over the past decades. As a result, these used electronic products are widely in use in Myanmar. However, these e-waste items can pose serious risks to the nation’s public health over time.

Everyone should understand that environmental conservation involves not only tree planting and the protection of wildlife and plant species but also the responsible management of everyday waste, e-waste, and chemical waste. People worldwide, including government authorities, share the responsibility to ensure the sustainability of the natural environment by preventing the indiscriminate disposal of all types of waste, thereby protecting both the environment and human life.

At the same time, everyone needs to actively participate and raise public awareness in mitigating air, water, and soil pollution; regulating the disposal of industrial, electronic, and chemical waste; and conserving wildlife and the natural environment. Furthermore, relevant authorities of global countries should educate the public about the advantages and disadvantages of e-waste disposal, promote techniques for reusing and recycling e-waste, and enforce laws and regulations to control waste disposal activities.

Introduction - Colouring the Invisible

In the architecture of language, verbs give us motion, and nouns provide form. But it is adjectives — the often-unheralded modifiers — that offer texture to thought and sensation. They do not merely describe; they *distil*. They allow the poet to render the ineffable visible, to tint silence with suggestion and shape feeling into form.

Where a noun may tell us there is a “tree”, an adjective may whisper that it is “withered”, “verdant”, or “solemn”. Thus, the tree becomes more than a plant — it becomes a memory, a metaphor, a mood. In poetic writing, this transformation is neither incidental nor excessive. It is central to how we experience verse not just with the mind, but with the body.

In my earlier reflections on verbs and nouns, I considered how energy and substance weave meaning. Now, I turn to the filament of description — the adjective — which threads light and shadow into the poetic line. Drawing from Burmese and English poetry, from the verdant hues of Min Thu Wun’s rural scenes to the dusky cadence of Frost’s woods, I explore how adjectives animate stillness and speak where other words pause.

In what follows, we’ll look closely at how adjectives become poetic agents — emotional, symbolic, and sensory. Their power lies not in flamboyance, but in evocation. As Yeats once wrote of the heart “fastened to a dying animal”, so too are adjectives often tethered to nouns not to decorate, but to reveal.

From Reflection to Resonance

Across literary cultures, poets have long used adjectives not merely as embellishments but as vital threads in the fabric of their imagery. Whether evoking the velvet hush of a Burmese field hut or the stark quiet of a snow-covered forest, these descriptive words serve as portals into memory, emotion, and atmosphere.

What follows is a selection of verses from both Burmese and English traditions, where adjectives function not as decorative language but as emotional evidence. In the hands of poets like Min Thu Wun and Zawgyi, Robert Frost and WB Yeats, the adjective becomes an instrument, light as a breath, yet potent enough to stir the soul.

Adjectives as Carriers of Mood and Memory: A Cross-Cultural Glimpse

In poetry, adjectives are not mere descriptors — they are emotional cues, tonal anchors, and sometimes, philosophical gestures. Whether in Burmese or English verse, they shape the reader’s inner weather.

Min Thu Wun — “လယ်စောင့်တဲလေး” (The Little Field Hut)

In this pastoral gem, Min Thu Wun evokes a scene of rural stillness:

ကြာနီတပွင့် ဖြူတပွင့် တဲနင့် ပန်တင့်” *One crimson lotus, one white — beside the hut, still and fragrant.*

The adjectives “**crimson**” and “**white**” do more than describe colour — they suggest balance, purity, and quiet contrast. The hut is “**still**”, the air “**fragrant**” — each adjective deepens the sensory and emotional register. In Mya Zin’s English rendering, the adjectives retain their lyrical softness, preserving the poem’s meditative tone.

လယ်စောင့်တဲ
မိုးရေတက်ရေ တဖွေးဖွေး
ကွင်းကျယ် အဝေးဝေး။
လယ်စောင့်တဲ လေး ခြေတံ ရှည်
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ကြာနီ တပွင့် ဖြူ တပွင့်
တဲ နဲ့ ပန် တင့်။

မင်းသုဝဏ်

Colouring the Invisible: The Descriptive Power of Adjectives

By Mingalajii

The Field Watch Hut
(A contextual English rendering inspired by Sayagyi Min Thu Wun’s “လယ်စောင့်တဲ”)
Translated in the spirit of Sayagyi Mya Zin

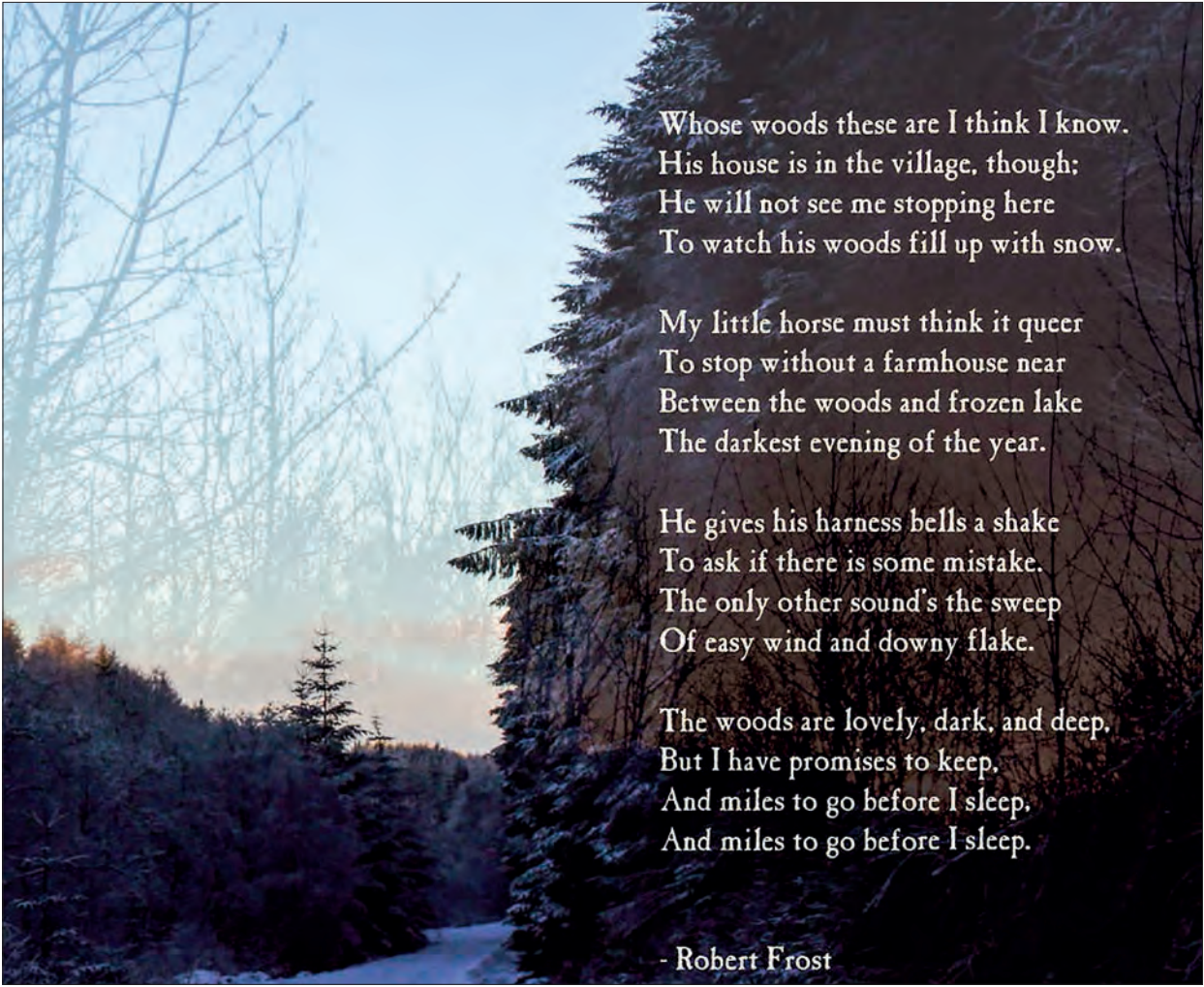
Floodwaters rise
Soft, unhurried,
Beyond the boundless paddy plain,
A tall, lone figure
Stands beneath the sky’s grey curtain.
There
A single red lotus,
A single white
Beside the stillness of a thatched hut,
Where time forgets to move.

Zawgyi - “ပန်းပန်လျက်ဘဲ” (Still Wearing a Flower)
Zawgyi’s poem, translated by Win Pe (Mya Zin), is a quiet meditation on memory and time:
“*Still wearing a flower, though the season has passed...*”
The adjective “**still**” is temporal and emotional — it suggests persistence, quiet defiance, and the ache of remembrance. Depending on the translation, adjectives like “**wilted**”, “**faint**”, or “**lingering**” may appear, each adding a layer of melancholy or resilience. These are not decorative — they are the poem’s emotional architecture.

Robert Frost - “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”
“The woods are lovely, dark and deep...”
Three adjectives — **lovely, dark, deep** — build a psychological landscape. They are simple, yet they conjure allure, mystery, and a quiet foreboding. In Burmese, one might render this as:
“သစ်တောသည် လှပပြီး မှောင်မှိုက်၍ နက်ရှိုင်းသည်...”
Each word carries weight, and the repetition of the structure mirrors the poem’s hypnotic rhythm.

WB Yeats - “The Lake Isle of Innisfree”
“And evening full of the linnet’s wings.”
Here, the adjective “**full**” is expansive — it transforms a moment into a mood. Elsewhere, Yeats uses “**purple glow**”, “**bee-loud glade**”, and “**peace comes dropping slow**”. These adjectives are not just visual — they are meditative, spiritual. A Burmese rendering might be:
“ညနေသည် လင်းနက်ငှက်တောင်ပံများဖြင့် ပြည့်နေသည်...”
The adjective “ပြည့်” (full) conveys abundance, immersion, and a kind of sacred stillness.

Adjectives in Contemporary Poetics: The Bruised and the Beautiful
If classical poetry used adjectives to mirror nature or distil emotion, contemporary poets often bend them to interrogate identity, memory, and loss. The modern modifier is not always lyrical — it can be fractured, ironic,



Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound’s the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

- Robert Frost

or laden with resistance.

Zeyar Lynn – “My History Is Not Mine”
In Zeyar Lynn’s razor-sharp verse from *Bones Will Crow*, adjectives appear with precise, political tension:
“...a crooked chronology, a borrowed tongue, a bruised alphabet...”
Here, the adjectives **crooked, borrowed, and bruised** evoke colonial residue, linguistic trauma, and cultural displacement. The nouns alone – chronology, tongue, alphabet — are neutral. It is the adjectives that turn them into protest and lament.

Rendered in Burmese, the emotional texture remains raw:
“အကွေ့အကောက်ဖြစ်သော အချိန်ဇယား၊ ချေးယူထားသော ဘာသာစကား၊ ထိခိုက် နာ ကျင်သော အက္ခရာ...”
These are not merely descriptive — they are declarative. The adjectives don’t serve the noun; they *challenge* it.

Ocean Vuong – “Aubade with Burning City”
In Ocean Vuong’s *Night Sky with Exit Wounds*, adjectives shimmer through a fog of grief and sensuality. In one verse:
“milkflower petals on the street/like pieces of a girl’s dress.”
The adjective **milkflower** is delicate, even beautiful. Yet, paired with the image of a girl’s dress scattered on the street, it becomes ghostly and foreboding. Vuong often uses adjectives such as **burning, cracked, or tender** to create an atmosphere where love and war cohabitate.

Transposed into Burmese:
“...a crumbling neighbourhood of boarded-up homes

and overgrown lots, where hope feels as brittle as the paint peeling from the walls.”

The adjectives — **crumbling, boarded-up, overgrown, brittle, peeling** — do more than set a scene. They carry the emotional residue of decades of neglect. These words do not editorialize; they *humanize*. They allow the reader to enter the story not as a spectator, but as a witness.

In Burmese, such a passage might be rendered:
“ပြိုကွဲနေသောအိမ်များ၊ တံခါးပိတ်ထားသောအိမ်များနှင့် မြက်ပင်များဖြင့် ဖုံးလွှမ်း နေ သောလမ်းများ၊ မျှော်လင့်ချက်သည် နံရံပေါ်မှ ကွေကွင်းကျနေသောဆေးအလွှာကဲ့သို့ ချိုးဖောက်လွယ် လွယ်ဖြစ်နေသည်...”

This is not the language of hard news; it is the language of lived experience. And it reminds us that adjectives, when used with care, can bridge the gap between fact and feeling.

Lastly, and by no means least, I wish to conclude with a poem and its translation, as published in *The Global New Light of Myanmar* on 22 May 2016.

Peace (Composed by Myoma Nyein)
Peace is always like honey
That never leaves its taste of sweetness
Whether from the beehive
Of a neem tree or that of a mango tree,
Promising joys and smiles
To all mankind of this world forever.
Take preventive measures
Against the outbreak of the Flames of War:
Stop the Flames of War
So horrible, so disgusting.
Come, bring your pots, big or small,
Even cup your hands and do your bit,
In harmony and synchrony, splash
The cool Water of Peace.
Wishing all our people in this world,
Regardless of friend or foe,
To be apprehensive of the Flaming War
To stop this Common Enemy,
Perceiving that the amassed traditions and our cultures,
Our quaint customs and noble values
Would be demolished by the war.
Love of peace brings
Happy homes and pervading joys.
Yes, Peace is always like honey.

(Translated by Zaw Tun)

ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေး (မြို့မငြိမ်း)
ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေးသည် ပျားရည်ကဲ့သို့ပင် အစဉ် တမာပင် သရက်ပင် ဘာပင်ခွဲခွဲ ချိုမြိအရသာ မစွန့်သည်သာပင် ကမ္ဘာသားလူအများ မျက်နှာထားချိုကြည် ဂျော့စေသည် ထာဝစဉ် စစ်ရန်မီးကွင်းရှောင် မလောင်မိကြိုတင်။ ရွံစရာ မုန်းစရာ စစ်ရန်မီး တားဆီးဖို့တတွင် အိုးကြီးအိုးငယ် သယ်ဆောင်ကာယူဝင် လက်ခုပ်နှံ့ပြဖြစ်စေ ကိုယ်တိုင်ပါဝင် ဖုန်ပက်ကြိုက်ယစ် ညီညီပင် ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေး အေးမြသောရေစင် ကမ္ဘာလူသားတွေ တွေးပျက်ကြိုတင် ရန်သူမိတ်ဆွေမရွေး သူငါပင် ရန်စစ်မီးကို မလောင်စေချင် စုဆောင်းခံ့သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆက်အစဉ် အနုအယဉ် အမှန်အမြတ်တွေ သည်းဆိတ်မှာမြင် ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေးမြတ်နိုး အိုးအိမ်သာယာ သူငါ့ပျော်ရွှင် ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေးသည် ပျားရည်ကဲ့သို့ပင် အစဉ်။

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Trump voices shock at devastating scale of
Texas flood damage



A man searches for missing people by a crushed car near the Guadalupe River in Hunt, Texas. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Trump noted that “Americans’ hearts are shattered” due to the tragedy.

US President Donald Trump spoke Friday of seeing devastation like he’d never before experienced as he toured parts of Texas hit by devastating flash floods that have left at least 120 people dead, including dozens of children.

The Republican leader and First Lady Melania Trump were in the Hill Country of central Texas to meet first responders, victims’ families and local officials, a week after a rain-swollen river swept away houses, camp cabins, cars and people.

“This is a tough one. I’ve never seen anything like this,” Trump said at a roundtable meeting in Kerrville, in the

worst-affected Kerr County.

“I’ve gone to a lot of hurricanes, a lot of tornadoes. I’ve never seen anything like this. This is a bad one.”

Trump lashed out at reporters for questioning authorities’ response to the disaster and said he wanted to focus on solidarity with emergency workers and volunteers.

“All across the country, Americans’ hearts are shattered,” said Trump, speaking at a table draped in a black banner with the message “Texas Strong.”

“I had to be here as president. The first lady wanted to be here”. — AFP

WhatsApp introduces ads, paid channel subscriptions

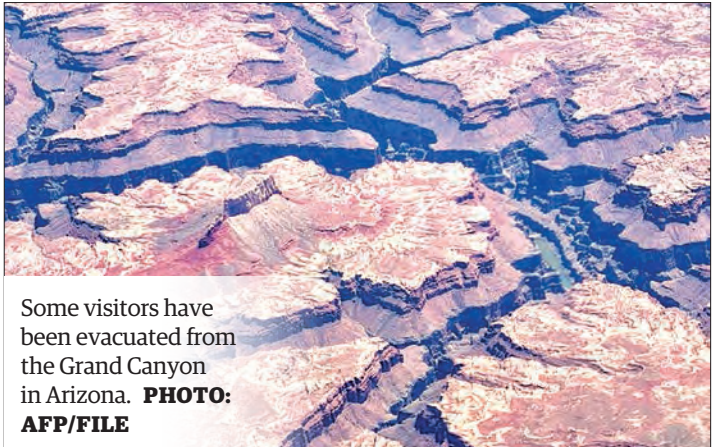
META has announced the introduction of ads on WhatsApp, marking a significant change in the platform’s approach. These ads will appear in the Updates tab, which is used by 1.5 billion people daily. Businesses can promote their products in the Status section, allowing users to discover new offerings and engage directly.

Additionally, promoted Channels can enhance their visibility, helping users find new content while providing channel admins with increased reach. Users can also subscribe to channels for exclusive updates, creating a new revenue stream for creators.

— ANI

Tourists, residents evacuated from
Grand Canyon due to wildfires

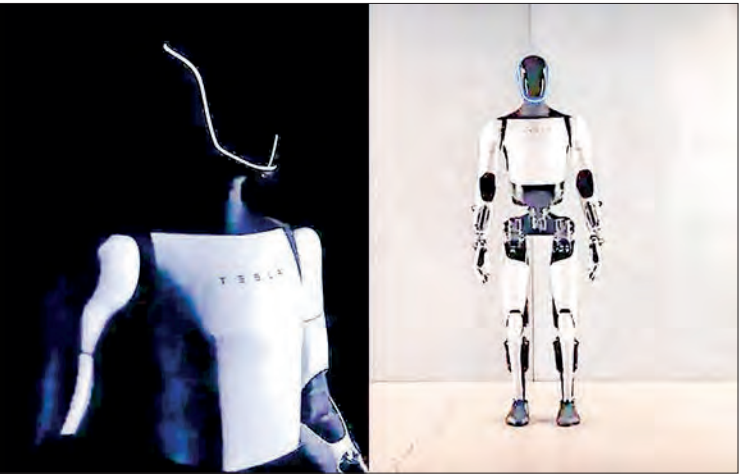
FAST-SPREADING wildfires have forced the evacuation of part of the Grand Canyon, with the US National Park Service ordering visitors and residents away from its northern rim.



Some visitors have been evacuated from the Grand Canyon in Arizona. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

“Due to the advancing Dragon Bravo Fire within Grand Canyon National Park, all North Rim residents are now in ‘GO’ status and should evacuate the North Rim immediately,” the National Park Service said in an X post on Friday afternoon.

The Dragon Bravo Fire, which was sparked by lightning and has been burning since 4 July, was 150 acres (61 hectares) in size Friday evening and zero per cent contained, a US government incident report said. — AFP



Tesla’s latest video demonstration highlighted Optimus’ ‘tactile sensing on all fingers’ by picking up and handling an egg. **PHOTO: X/TESLA**

SpaceX to invest US\$2
bln in xAI

ELON Musk’s SpaceX has agreed to invest US\$2 billion in his artificial-intelligence company xAI, The Wall Street Journal reported Saturday, quoting investors close to the companies. The report said the investment is part of xAI’s 5-billion-dollar equity fundraise announced by Morgan Stanley last month. It is SpaceX’s first known investment in xAI and one of its largest in another company.

Musk has repeatedly mo-

bilized his business empire to boost the AI startup, which is racing to catch up with OpenAI, a leading AI research and deployment company best known for creating the ChatGPT platform.

Earlier this year, he integrated xAI into X, merging the AI research lab with the social media platform to enhance the reach of Grok. The merger valued the new company at \$113 billion, according to the report.

— Xinhua

Bad Bunny draws jubilant Puerto Ricans to historic residency

BAD Bunny launched his historic residency Friday with an explosive performance that fused folkloric drumming and dance with the reggaeton beats that have made him a global star, as thousands of Puerto Ricans screamed along to every word during the show limited to locals.

The concert series in San Juan is Bad Bunny’s showcase of Puerto Rican pride and resilience, a slate of weekly performances rooted in home and history.

The elated audience went wild as the megastar first appeared on the lush, verdant rainforest set, where he joined a troupe of drummers and dancers in a powerful love letter to the island’s history of resistance.

The residency entitled “No Me Quiero Ir De Aqui” — “I don’t want to leave here” — is a history lesson in Puerto Rican music and rhythms as well as a rallying cry that lays bare the island’s colonial past and present.

Bad Bunny, 31, has long used his platform as a means to give voice to his fellow Puerto Ricans, while also managing to rule the charts with his reggaeton-forward blend of eminently danceable pop that has found massive global success.

And now the artist born Benito Martinez Ocasio is bringing that success back home to El Choli, as the arena with a capacity of more than 18,000 is colloquially known in the Puerto Rican capital. — AFP



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Archaeologists have been studying Penico for eight years to try to understand why the Caral civilization vanished. **PHOTO: ZONA ARQUEOLOGICA CARAL/AFP**

Peruvian citadel that is nearly 4,000 years old opens doors to tourists

The site served as a major trade hub between early human communities on the Pacific coast and those from the Andes and Amazon regions.

THE 3,800-year-old citadel of the Caral civilization, known as Penico, officially opened to visitors in Peru after eight years of study and restoration.

This archaeological site, located in the Supe Valley, served as a significant trade hub between early human com-

munities on the Pacific coast and those from the Andes and Amazon regions.

Situated approximately 110 miles north of Lima and 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Penico was transformed from a hilly landscape into a well-organized urban centre focused

on agriculture and trade.

During the opening ceremony, local artists played traditional conch shell trumpets, known as pututus, as part of an ancestral ritual offering to Pachamama, or Mother Earth, featuring agricultural products and local drinks. — AFP

Pakistani airline sends passenger to Jeddah instead of Karachi

A passenger has sent a legal notice to a private airline after being mistakenly flown from Lahore to Jeddah instead of Karachi, ARY News reported.

Shahzain, the affected passenger, claims that despite showing his ticket to the air hostess, he was not informed that he had boarded the wrong flight.

According to Shahzain, two planes were parked at the domestic terminal gate, and he

was not aware of the mistake until it was too late. The passenger alleges that the airline’s negligence caused him distress in Saudi Arabia, as per ARY News.

In the legal notice, Shahzain demands that the airline cover the additional travel expenses he incurred and respond to the matter. He is seeking compensation for the inconvenience and trouble caused by the airline’s alleged mistake. — ANI

Hailey Baldwin Bieber addresses marriage speculation directly

HAILEY Baldwin Bieber has seemingly responded to ongoing speculation about her marriage by sharing a strong message about her husband Justin Bieber’s album, ‘Swag’, reported E! News.

In a recent Instagram Story, Hailey re-shared a photo of the cover art for the “Baby” singer’s seventh album, which features a black-and-white snap of the couple and their 10-month-old son Jack Blues Bieber. Alongside the sweet family portrait, the 28-year-old wrote, “Is it finally clocking to you... losers?”

Her response not only appeared to shut down the breakup rumours. It was also a reference to a viral video of Justin confronting paparazzi for following him while he took an evening trip to a Malibu beach. — ANI



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ECONOMY
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Japan’s aid agency to issue 23 bln yen Africa-support bonds in Aug



Photo shows a bridge over the Nile River in Uganda, funded by bonds issued by Japan International Cooperation Agency. **PHOTO: KYODO**

This time, JICA plans to promote Japanese-style education and provide loans to farmers through financial institutions.

THE Japan International Cooperation Agency will issue bonds worth around 23 billion yen (\$160 million) next month to raise funds for infrastructure, education and other development needs of African nations.

The bond issuance will coincide with Japan’s cohosting of the ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama, near Tokyo, on 20-22 August. Government-backed JICA is hoping to target local governments, regional financial

institutions and Japanese companies that are seeking to invest in the fast-growing, resource-rich continent and encourage them to purchase the bonds, with maturities of either three or five years.

“As Africa, with its large young population, holds significant growth potential, support (through the bonds) will help Japanese companies expand into the region,” said Motohiro Matsumura, director of JICA’s Planning and TICAD Process Division. — Kyodo

EU budget battle: Funding, security, agriculture Reform

THE European Union is set to unveil its long-term budget proposals for 2028-2034 next week,



The EU will present its long-term budget for beyond 2027 next week but Brussels faces a delicate balancing act. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

initiating a significant budget battle.

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen faces the challenge of creating a budget that supports farmers, increases defense spending, and addresses debts incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The European Commission will present its proposals, which will likely spark intense debates among member states and EU lawmakers over the next two years. The previous budget, worth around 1.2 trillion euros (\$1.4 trillion), relied on national contributions and EU revenue.

The European Parliament is advocating for increased funding, particularly for security and competitiveness. The EU’s common agricultural policy (CAP), which constitutes a significant portion of the budget, will be a contentious topic, with discussions about reforming subsidies. — AFP

IEA sees anaemic global oil demand growth amid tariff turmoil

GROWTH in oil demand is anaemic globally, with several countries in the crosshairs of US President Donald Trump tariff threats suffering drops, the IEA said Friday.

Annual growth in oil demand fell from 1.1 million barrels per day (mbd) in the first quarter of the year to just 0.5 mbd in the second, the International Energy Agency said in its monthly oil market review.

Consumption in emerging markets was “particularly lacklustre”, it added.

It lowered its forecast for oil-demand growth for 2025 as a whole to 0.7 mbd, “its lowest rate since 2009” apart from when the Covid pandemic shut large swathes of the global economy in 2020. “Although it may be premature to attribute this slower growth to the detrimental impact of tariffs manifesting themselves in the real economy, the largest quarterly contractions occurred in countries that found themselves in the crosshairs of the tariff turmoil,” the IEA said. — AFP

Afghanistan-Pakistan trade grows to nearly US\$1 bln in H1

THE trade value between Afghanistan and Pakistan amounted to nearly US\$1 billion in the first half of 2025, local media outlet TOLONews reported late Saturday.

“Afghanistan’s trade with Pakistan totaled US\$ 989 mil-

lion during this period, with exports valued at 277 million dollars and imports at US\$ 712 million,” said Akhundzada Abdul Salam Jawad, spokesperson for Afghanistan’s Ministry of Industry and Commerce, as quoted by

TOLONews.

According to Jawad, Afghanistan’s top imports from Pakistan include medical drugs, parboiled rice, sugar, cotton textiles, and raw materials for local factories. — Xinhua



Growth in global oil demand is at its slowest in 16 years. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

China’s medical equipment exports reach over 190 countries, regions



This photo taken on 14 March 2025 shows a surgical robot demonstration during the 2025 China Medical Equipment Conference & Medical Equipment Exhibition held at Chongqing International Expo Centre in Southwest China’s Chongqing municipality. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINA’S medical equipment exports reached over 9,000 medical institutions in more than 190 countries and regions last year, according to the China International Conference on Medical Equipment Cooperation held in Shanghai. Over the past five years, China’s medical equipment import and export trade has seen a compound annual growth rate of 9.4 per cent, indicating a steady rise in international competitiveness and

brand influence, as well as deeper international co-operation, said Hou Yan, chairperson of the China Association of Medical Equipment, which hosted the conference from Friday to Saturday. The purpose of hosting the conference was to build a high-level, wide-ranging and multi-dimensional platform for international exchange and cooperation, and to share China’s innovations and experience in the medical equipment sector, Hou added. Participants from 17 countries and regions, including health officials, experts and representatives from medical enterprises, attended the conference. — Xinhua

Ben-Gurion Airport expands as foreign airlines return to Israel

WITH international airlines resuming service to Israel, Ben-Gurion Airport is undergoing major upgrades to meet growing demand. Transportation Minister Miri Regev announced that Terminal 1 will reopen for international flights on 3 August, while a new check-in and screening complex at Terminal 3 will be inaugurated 14 August. Numerous foreign carriers are set to resume operations following the European Aviation Authority’s decision to lift its advisory against flying to Israel. Nearly 3.4 million passengers are expected over July and August. “Israel is open to the world,” said Transportation Minister Miri Regev. “Our national airport is ready to meet every challenge.” — ANI

New rules force companies in Japan to address heatstroke crisis

COMPANIES in Japan are now required to take steps to protect their employees against heatstroke, with the government imposing new rules in response to the steadily increasing number of deaths in recent years attributed to the worsening summer heat. Under a revised ordinance that took effect on 1 June, businesses will be penalized if they fail to act after investigations found many deaths resulted from delayed detection of symptoms and inadequate responses. Companies are required to take measures for staff working for 60 consecutive minutes or for four hours per day in temperatures exceeding 31 C, or at 28 C or above on the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature — a global heat index calculated based on multiple factors including humidity. Under the rules, companies must designate a person at each workplace to be responsible for reporting possible heatstroke cases among staff. Business operators must also set up procedures to prevent the worsening of symptoms, such as having an employee immediately stop working, cooling the person down and ensuring medical support is provided. Employers are required to inform their workforce of the arrangements. In the event of a breach, penalties include up to six months of imprisonment or a fine of up to 500,000 yen (\$3,400), the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said. — Kyodo



A construction site manager shows equipment that alerts workers when the heat index reaches a certain level, in Tokyo on 20 May 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL-4 VOY.NO. (19N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL-4 VOY. NO. (19N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGISTICS COMPANY LIMITED

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BINTAN VOY.NO. (902N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BINTAN VOY.NO. (902N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MAERSK VALENCIA VOY.NO. (526W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MAERSK VALENCIA VOY.NO. (526W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S MAERSK A/S

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

5 US states in talks for building
migrant detention centres:
homeland security chief

The “Alligator Alcatraz” facility spans 39 square miles (100 square km).



(L/R) US President President Donald Trump, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem visit a migrant detention centre, dubbed “Alligator Alcatraz,” in Ochopee, Florida on 1 July 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem said Saturday she is engaged in ongoing discussions with five states to establish migrant detention facilities modeled after Florida’s “Alligator Alcatraz.”

At a press conference, Noem said that these five states are led

by Republican governors, but did not disclose their names.

She also praised Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for his collaboration with the DHS in successfully launching the “Alligator Alcatraz” detention centre. The 39-square-mile (100 square km) facility was constructed in just eight days on the

site of the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport, located within the Florida Everglades. The first group of immigrant detainees was transferred there in early July.

This centre is part of the current US administration’s intensified efforts to crack down on illegal immigration. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Qantas plane damaged in collision
with aerobridge at Sydney Airport

A Qantas flight from Sydney to Johannesburg has been delayed by almost a full day after being struck by an aerobridge.

Flight QF63 was at a gate at Sydney Airport preparing for its scheduled 9:30 am take-off for Johannesburg on Saturday when an aerobridge made contact with one of the Airbus A380’s four engines, causing damage.

Passengers, who had already boarded, disembarked via the aircraft’s lower deck. There were no reported injuries. Qantas said in a statement that the flight would be delayed 21 hours until 6:45 am on Sunday when a replacement aircraft will be available. — Xinhua

Around 30,000 Afghans returning
daily from Iran, say Herat officials

GOVERNMENT officials have established facilities at the Islam Qala border crossing in Herat to help manage the increasing influx of Afghan returnees from Iran, with nearly half a million people having re-entered the country in just the past 20 days, TOLO News reported.

The Deputy Spokesperson of the Islamic Emirate, Hamdullah Fitrat, visited Islam Qala and urged both the private sector and general public to assist with humanitarian support. “My call to all citizens, traders, and wealthy individuals is to come forward and join the Islamic Emirate in showing solidarity and compassion with these people,” TOLO News quoted Fitrat as saying. — ANI

Massive fire on freight train disrupts
rail services in Tamil Nadu

A massive fire broke out Sunday on a freight train carrying crude oil in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, with no casualties reported, police said.

However, train services to and from Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu, have been disrupted. Southern Railway announced the cancellation of some trains departing from Chennai and the diversion of five trains. — Xinhua

One pilot asked the other about
fuel cutoff seconds before
crash: Report

A preliminary investigation into the Air India flight AI171 crash has revealed that just seconds before the aircraft lost power and went down near Ahmedabad airport, one pilot asked the other why he had cut off fuel to the engines, an action the second pilot reportedly denied, saying, “did not do so.”

“In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he cut off. The other pilot responded that he did not do so,” the preliminary

report on the Air India crash said.

The report mentions that both engines of the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner shut down one second apart shortly after takeoff. This caused the aircraft to lose altitude rapidly and crash near the boundary of Ahmedabad’s Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. Investigators have ruled out any bird strike or external damage, although the cause of the fuel cutoff remains under investigation. — ANI



Air India Flight 171 crashed in a residential area near the airport in Ahmedabad on 12 June 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

SPORTS

Myanmar wins 7 gold, 1 bronze more medals at Singapore Sprint Cup

MYANMAR canoeing and kayak athletes have secured seven gold, and one bronze more medals at the 2025 Singapore Sprint Cup, held on 12 and 13 July in Singapore.

Myanmar canoeing and kayak athletes claimed seven gold medals: in the open canoeing doubles 200-metre event by Kyaw Zeya and Myo Hlaing Win; in the open canoeing four 200m event by Kyaw Zeya, That Zin Oo, Htut Khaung Zaw, and Myo Hlaing Win; in the open canoeing singles 200m event by Myo Hlaing Win; in the open singles canoeing 500m event by Myo Hlaing Win; in the open canoeing doubles 500m event by Kyaw

Zeya and Thant Zin Oo; in the open canoeing four 500m event by Kyaw Zeya, Myo Hlaing Win, Thant Zin Oo and Htut Khaung Zaw; and in the U15 and U18 canoeing singles 200m event by Htut Khaung Zaw.

In the open canoeing four 500m event, Khin Zaw Lwin, Zeya Tun, Tun Min Thant and Hein Ko Ko took a bronze medal.

Myanmar canoeing and kayak team claimed 10 gold, one silver and four bronze medals during the events.

Participating countries include hosts Singapore, Myanmar, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Australia, and Hungary. — Arkar Linn/KZL



Myanmar canoeing and kayak athletes celebrate victory after the medal presentation.



Medallist Myanmar badminton players celebrate their victory in Badminton Asia Regional Championships 2025 in Cambodia.

Myanmar youth badminton team secures 12 gold medals at Southeast Asia tournament

THE Myanmar youth badminton team has achieved an impressive haul of 12 gold, three silver, and eight bronze medals at the Badminton Asia Regional Championships 2025 (Southeast Asia), held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from 7 to 12 July.

In the tournament, Myanmar claimed one gold medal each in the Under 15, Under 17, and Under 23 team events. The remaining nine gold medals came from individual competitions, including men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles events. In total, the team brought home 12 gold, three silver, and eight bronze medals.

The Myanmar sports team was led by Myanmar Badminton Federation President U Aung Paing, along with officials and coaches. The squad consisted of six male and six female youth players. They are scheduled to return to Yangon on 14 July. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Next-generation Lethwei tournament held in Yangon

THE Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation organized a “All Gym Next-Generation Lethwei Tournament” at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon yesterday to promote national interest in Lethwei and support the emergence of new-generation Lethwei fighters.

During the tournament, Shine Htet Oo (Warrior) defeated Kaung Myat Kyaw (Mahoragar) in the first round. Nay Hlaing (Yoya) from Nay Pyi Taw beat Aung Aung Hein (SMART Fight) in the second round. Chan Aye (555 Mix Sport Gym) claimed a second-round victory over Zwe Marn (MKI), while Myo Jet Khaung (Wan Wan) overcame Aung Min Khant (Mahoragar) in the first round. San Myat Oo (Ray) secured a third-round win against Zwe Yan Naing Lin (STL).

The following bouts ended in draws: Ye Yint (Kyar Bayin) versus Min Htet (Yoya) from Nay Pyi Taw; Tun Myint Myat (YMA) versus Zan Zan Min Htet (Danubyu); Thae Maung (Lone Chaw) versus Min Htet Kyaw (Aphyu Yaung Thwe Thit); Kyar Marn Htein (SMART Fight) versus Aung Kaung Khant (STL); and Arkar (Wan Wan) versus Sai Kyel Sin (Lone Chaw).

President of the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation Dr Tin Aung Lwin and executive members enjoyed the tournament, offering support and encouragement. The Best Fighter



Arkar and Sai Kyel Sin seen in the ring.

Award was presented to Min Htet Kyaw (Aphyu Yaung Thwe Thit) in recognition of his performance. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Yangon Golf Club to host Burmese Golf Amateur Open Championship

BURMESE Golf Amateur Open Championship will be held at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Yangon in August, according to Myanmar Golf Federation.

Organized by MGF and mainly sponsored by Burmese Golf (BG), the competition takes place from 4 to 7 August 2025.

It will be played in compliance with the Rules of Golf 2023 by R&A and USGA and local rules and amateur players (men) who have handicap index 0-12 approved by MGF can make registration to 09 421002259 by 2 August before 2:00 pm, with admission fee K30,000 per person along with handicap certificate approved by their golf clubs. — MT/ZS



Kim Jong Un confirms North Korea's support for Russia's measures to resolve Ukraine crisis

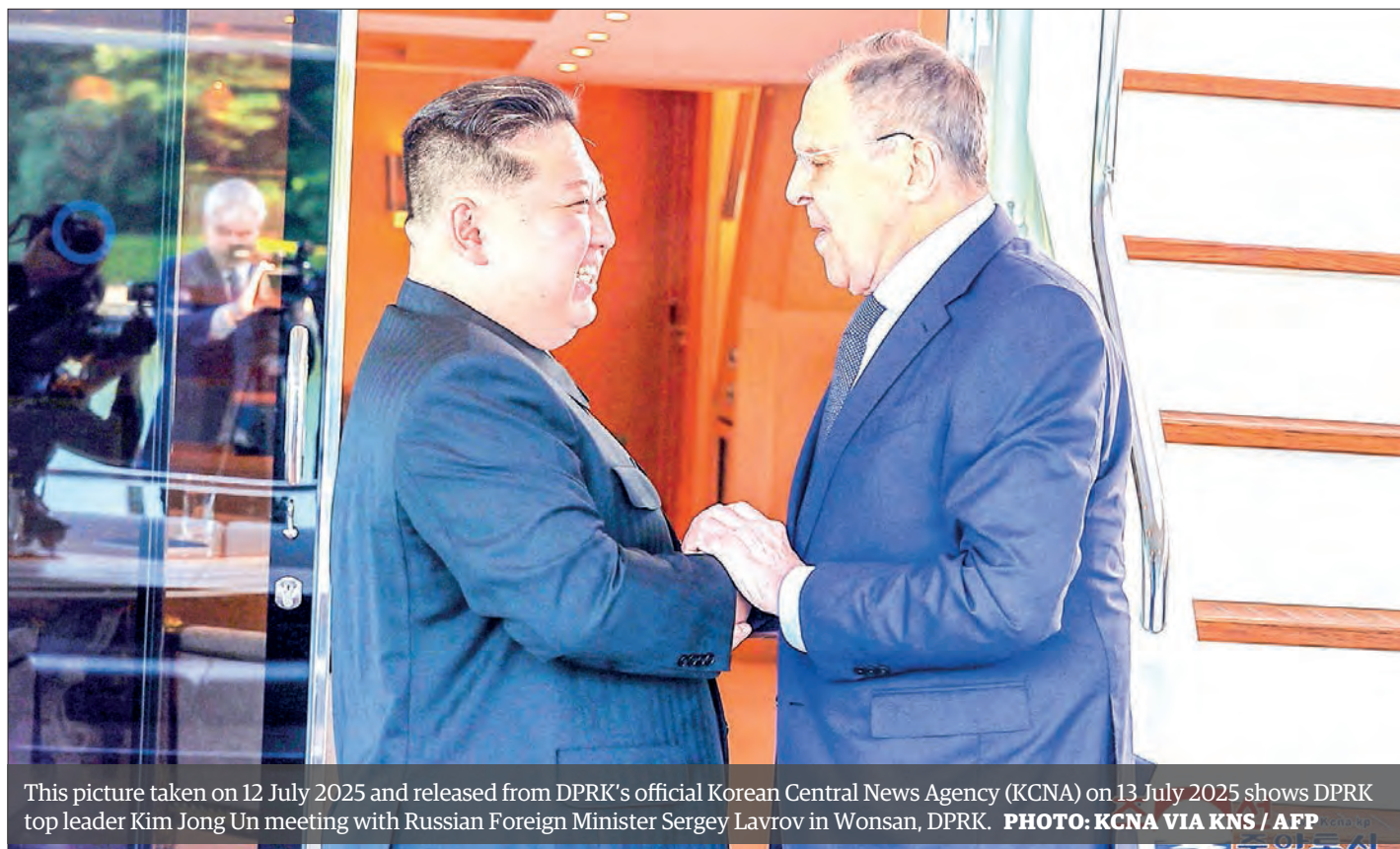
DURING a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un expressed Pyongyang's readiness to support the Russian authorities' measures to resolve the Ukrainian crisis, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

"Comrade Kim Jong Un once again expressed North Korea's readiness to continue to unconditionally support all measures by the Russian leadership to exclusively fundamentally resolve the situation in Ukraine in accordance with the spirit of the interstate treaty between North Korea and Russia," the agency said.

Kim Jong Un stressed that Pyongyang and Moscow shared opinions on all strategic issues in accordance with the level of allied relations, in his opinion, this demonstrates the high strategic level of relations between the countries. According to the KCNA, during the meeting with Lavrov, the North Korean leader asked to convey warm greetings to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

On Saturday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said that Lavrov and Kim had met during the Russian foreign minister's visit to that country. — SPUTNIK

Kim noted that North Korea and Russia share opinions on all strategic issues, reflecting a high level of allied relations.



This picture taken on 12 July 2025 and released from DPRK's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on 13 July 2025 shows DPRK top leader Kim Jong Un meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Wonsan, DPRK. PHOTO: KCNA VIA KNS / AFP

Israel invests US\$13.2 mln to build AI data infrastructure across key sectors



Participants communicate at the Future of AI 2023 Annual Summit in Tel Aviv, Israel, on 5 July 2023. PHOTO: CHEN JUNQING/XINHUA/FILE

THE initiative aims to create and open high-quality databases to enhance AI research and innovation.

The Israeli government has launched a new NIS 44 million (USD 13.2 million) funding call to create and open high-quality databases to boost AI research and innovation. Led by the Innovation Authority, Ministry of Economy and Industry, and Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, the initiative aims to develop accessible data infrastructure across sectors like agrotech, health, climate, and security.

Dror Bin, CEO of the Innovation Authority, said, "Data is the raw material for training artificial intelligence models that create groundbreaking solutions in many fields." The move supports Israel's national AI plan, focusing on enabling startups and researchers to develop advanced technologies using unified, up-to-date datasets. — ANI

OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

Sri Lankan workers remit over US\$635 mln in June

Sri Lankan workers sent US\$635.7 million in remittances in June, up more than 22 per cent from June 2024, according to the latest data from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

Total remittances for 2024 reached \$6.57 billion. Between January and June 2025, remittances totaled more than \$3.7 billion, marking an 18.9 per cent increase compared to the same period last year, according to CBSL figures.

Remittances continue to be a key source of foreign income for Sri Lanka. A total of 312,836 Sri Lankans left the country for overseas employment during the year, according to official data. — Xinhua